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Comment Of The Day

Rocket Tragedy

THE tragedy of the fourth American moon rocket is not that it failed to achieve a lunar orbit, or that the combined distance travelled by the four rockets is less than two-thirds the way to the moon, but that so vital an undertaking as long range rocketry should be the subject of competition between Army and Air Force. For Saturday's rocket was not an American achievement, it was the Army's and the previous three were the work of the Air Force.

Surely this division of effort, this childish inter-service rivalry in the face of the formidable and demoralising successes of Soviet rocketry with their Sputniks and ICBMs must rank as one of the biggest American blunders of the postwar years. That the White House has now taken steps to co-ordinate future research and planning is a timely admission of error. For all their high flying lunar probes, however, Americans have yet to convince themselves that they are abreast of the Soviet Union in this field.

Enormous Flops

WHILE it would be wrong to write off the current tests as outright failures, seen against the background of prior publicity they must appear to many as enormous flops. Three possible orbits mentioned for the Explorer rocket whose end over the Sahara desert was reported in yesterday's China Mail, were one around the sun, one around Mercury and one around Venus. Could not the Army have been satisfied with slightly less pretentious aims?

The complexities of multi-stage rocketry have been evident in American tests for some time. Yet the mechanical problem is only one of a number of complicated factors involved in putting a rocket successfully into orbit around the moon. To the uninitiated therefore it seems rash to talk, as some American scientists have done, of reaching the more distant planets when the moon has proved sufficiently inaccessible. In terms of distance alone, the scientists have come up against formidable obstacles.

Soviet Challenge

ANOTHER tragedy of the moon rocket venture is that there is no Allied co-operation. Not that Britain has much to offer, but at considerable cost it has developed independently its own satellite carrying rocket which has already been successfully test fired to a height of about 300 miles. Surely the Soviet challenge demands a team of Allied talent. Dr Werner von Braun of Germany was co-opted soon after the war and ultimately put in charge of Army research. This was right and he is probably the one who has done most for American long-range rocketry in the postwar years. Now Britain has shown it can excel in this field, so why not bring British experts into a joint research project and make results available to all NATO allies?

SPECULATION OVER KHRUSHCHEV'S POSITION IN KREMLIN GENERAL SEROV PURGED?

Relieved Of Post As Head Of State Security

Moscow, Dec. 8.

General Ivan Serov has been relieved of his position as head of Soviet State Security, it was announced today. He will be transferred to "another post," the announcement said.

The brief announcement carried in the Soviet newspapers said that "the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet Presidium has released Army General Ivan Serov from his duties as Chairman of the Committee of State Security attached to the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers."

IVAN SEROV



The 'Executioner'

Moscow, Dec. 8.
General Ivan Serov jumped into the front rank of the Soviet hierarchy in 1954, immediately after the execution of his former boss, Lavrenti Beria.

Little is known of his earlier career, but his record since 1939 has earned him the abuse of the West Press and emigre groups and nicknames like "Ivan the Terrible," "The Abominable Serov," "Black Ivan" and "The Executioner."

ORDERS OF LENIN

General Serov, 54, balding and freckle-faced, is a "Hero of the Soviet Union" and the holder of four Orders of Lenin. They are directly associated with his police career. He is said to have been awarded the first Order of Lenin for organising deportations from Soviet-occupied Poland in 1940.

PRISON LABOUR

He is also said to have been involved in the deportations of thousands of Crimean Tatars and other minority groups, the founding of prison labour to run East German uranium mines and the marshalling of forced labour battalions for the construction of the Volga-Don Canal.

In 1956 General Serov flew to Britain to discuss arrangements for the visit of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev. He was bitterly attacked by the British press. Protests followed in the House of Commons and it was later announced that General Serov's name was not on the list of the visiting Soviet Party.

22-Day Curfew Ends

Nicosia, Dec. 8.
A 22-day-old curfew at Nicosia, north Cyprus village, was lifted tonight, it was officially stated here.—Reuters.

Engineer Beaten Up For 'Not Being Alert'

Seoul, Dec. 8.
A South Korean National Railway engineer was beaten up today by a group of villagers when he almost ran over a drunken man lying on the tracks near Seoul.

The Seoul-bound train was an hour behind schedule when the engineer saw a man on the tracks. He made an emergency

stop but could not avoid causing slight facial injuries to Kim Chou, aged 49, who was sleeping with his head pillowed on the track.

Nearby villagers, who observed the accident, beat up the engineer, Kim In-kyong, aged 35, for "not being alert."

The train was delayed another 10 minutes.—Reuters.

OVERTOOK H.E.'s CAR, BUT SUMMONS FAILS

Mrs Julia Wei Yun Lin Gabbott, who was alleged to have overtaken His Excellency the Governor's car in Garden Road on September 17, causing the Crown car to brake hard, was acquitted of a summons of careless driving and was discharged this morning.

RANDOLPH SUES MP



London, Dec. 8.
British newsman Randolph Churchill, son of Sir Winston, announced today he had filed suit against Conservative Member of Parliament, G. Nabarro, for a critical speech which he made last weekend. Nabarro's speech attacked Churchill for his articles on the Suez crisis.—France-Press.

Appeal To UN

United Nations, Dec. 8.
Israel appealed to the Security Council today to "ensure an immediate end to such aggressive acts" as last week's artillery firing on the Syria-Israel border.—Reuters.

Ike Visits Dulles

Washington, Dec. 8.
President Eisenhower visited Mr John Foster Dulles in hospital today. The Secretary of State is in the same suite the President occupied in 1956 when he was ill with illness and last year after his slight stroke.—Reuters.

Pasternak Denounced As Traitor To His People

Moscow, Dec. 8.

A renewed attack against Soviet Nobel Prize winner Boris Pasternak was launched today by the Communist Party organ Pravda and other newspapers, through publication of a report by Leonid Sobolev, President of the Writers Union of the Russian Federated Republic.

Sobolev denounced Pasternak as "a traitor to the Soviet intelligentsia," who had "lived among us for many years, but who never wanted to see the people or follow their course."

INTOXICATED

"Intoxicated by his own personality," Sobolev said, "he arrived at an extreme pathological individualism and by deliberately transmitting to the agents of the cold war an anti-Soviet and anti-popular work, placed a weapon in the hands of the enemy."

"Pasternak is the worthy heir of the decadent 'intelligentsia' which hated Lenin and detested that genuine Russian



Boris Pasternak

intellectual Chekhov. He is the faithful disciple of the cynics who wrote, 'there is an essential difference between us intellectuals and the people.'

DESICCATED SOUL

"Like them, the author of Dr Zhivago fears the people and dreams of separating himself from them so that he can dig quietly for the pitiful beauties in his empty, desiccated soul."

Sobolev concluded his attack with the comment, "Whatever tears he may have shed over his destiny, Pasternak has no right to describe himself as a Russian intellectual. His treason will not soil the honour of the true Russian intelligentsia which has always linked its destiny with that of the people."—France-Press.

FIRST TEST—FOURTH DAY

Dull Cricket Session In Brisbane

Brisbane, Dec. 9.

England were 111 for four at lunch on the fourth day of the First Test after one of the dullest sessions in first class cricket history, with only 19 runs scored in 90 minutes for the loss of two wickets on a perfect batting pitch.

England, 92 for two overnight, lost Gravener, run out for 35, and Peter May, lbw to Benaud for four, this morning. This gives England a lead of 59 runs with six wickets in hand, the scoreboard at lunch being:

England — 134 and 111 for four.

Australia 186.

Except for one over by Kline, Richie Benaud and Alan Davidson bowled unchanged this morning, and they had the batsmen tied down with their accuracy.

Davidson, in nine overs, yielded only six runs and bowled five maidens, while Benaud gave away only 13 runs for one wicket in 11 overs, three of which were maidens.

Only Eight

Bailey, not out 35 at the adjournment, scored only eight runs in this morning's 90 minutes, while Cowdrey has been batting an hour for his four.

The match is described by commentators as still open, with everything depending on the stand by Bailey and Gravener. In very hot and muggy weather Bailey (27) and Gravener (33) resumed their third wicket stand against the Australian attack of Benaud and Davidson. Gravener took a single off Benaud's first ball but Davidson's first over was a maiden to Gravener.

Only a small crowd of about 3,000 were present as negative cricket continued—the same slow tempo of the past three days.

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Mrs Parker Gets Married

London, Dec. 8.
Mrs Michael Parker, ex-wife of the Duke of Edinburgh's former private secretary, today married Mr Tom Prentice at a London register office.

It was a quiet wedding and few of their friends knew about it.



Mrs. Michael Parker

Mrs Eileen Parker's marriage to Australian-born Lieutenant Commander Michael Parker was dissolved last February. Mrs Parker was given custody of their children. Mr Prentice, like her, is aged 35. He is an assistant to Sir Stanley Rous, secretary of the Football Association.—China Mail Special.

Bagdad Says Planned Coup Smashed

Bagdad, Dec. 8.
Premier Abdul Karim Kassam announced today his Government has smashed a planned conspiracy to overthrow the regime. Kassam said the conspirators would be sent to the people's court for trial as traitors. The Premier added that the conspirators were "corrupt elements in league with foreigners outside Iraq." He gave no further identification.

Newsflash

Bagdad Radio interrupted its newscast to broadcast Kassam's announcement.

Within half an hour demonstrations broke out in the main streets of Bagdad. The demonstrators cheered for Kassam. At Tahrir (Liberation) Square, six young men set up a small table and collected signatures on an appeal demanding death for the conspirators. The men said they belonged to the United National Front which is comprised of pro-Government organizations.

Seized Arms

Kassam's announcement said the Government had seized arms with the alleged plotters planned to stage a coup d'etat. He added that conclusive evidence in the form of documents also was taken.

The Egyptian Government-sponsored Middle East News Agency in a report from Bagdad said a large-scale conspiracy had been organised by the U.S. against the five-month old Iraqi regime.

But in Washington, the U.S. State Department denied that the United States had been involved in a conspiracy to overthrow the Iraqi regime.—U.P.I. and Reuters.



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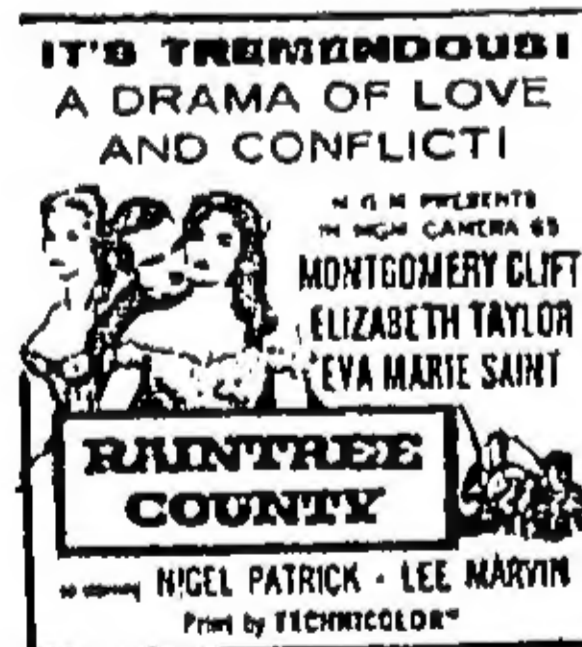
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"KINGS GO FORTH"

AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE OPENS AND... What Are The Russians Doing Here?

ASKS INDONESIAN

Cairo, Dec. 8.

The Indonesian delegation strongly protested against the inclusion of Russian representatives at the Afro-Asian economic conference which opened today.

An Indonesian spokesman said participants in the talks should be limited to countries which took part in the Bandung conference and those which have since become members.

Menon

In Car

Crash



KRISHNA MENON

United Nations, Dec. 8.
Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian Defence Minister, was shaken and received a slight knee injury in a motor-car accident in New York yesterday.

One In Three Unbalanced

Paris, Dec. 8.
One out of three students in France is mentally unbalanced, according to a commission of psychiatrists.

Algerian Rebel Move In UN

United Nations, Dec. 8.
Algeria will ask the U.N. for recognition of its right to independence and a call to France to enter into negotiations with the Algerian rebels, it was learned today.

319 New Faces

Paris, Dec. 8.
The life of France's fifth Republic officially starts today with the first meeting of the new Assembly, elected last month.

Eight Polio Cases

Singapore, Dec. 8.
Eight more cases of poliomyelitis were reported here yesterday, the highest single total for a single day in four weeks.

Mohamed Soebchan, President of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, made the protest in a news conference after the opening of the conference in which 40 nations are participating.

A written statement handed out by Soebchan did not mention Russia by name but he told reporters he was talking about the Soviet Union.

No Outsiders
Delegates are from Chambers of Commerce, industry and agriculture with the exception of representatives from Communist countries.

A seven-man delegation headed by M. V. Nesterov, Chairman of the All-Union Chamber of Commerce, is attending the conference. "Afro-Asian problems should be handled and solved by Afro-Asian countries themselves," Soebchan said. He said Russian participation was not in line with the aspirations of the Bandung conference and could create "psychological and political effects and prejudice the inside as well as the outside of the region."

Soebchan made it clear his country did not agree with the conference secretariat in admitting a non-Afro-Asian country taking part in the talks.—U.P.I.

5 YEARS FOR PERJURY

New York, Dec. 8.
Mark Zborowski, former Harvard University anthropologist, was sentenced to five years in prison for perjury today for lying when he denied he knew Russian master spy Jack Sobel.

Zborowski, a naturalized American, admitted he was an agent for the Soviet secret police in the early 1930s and said he had done no spying for them since his arrival in the United States in 1941.

Sobel, now serving a seven-year prison sentence for espionage activities, was the star witness at Zborowski's trial.

He testified that Zborowski was a Soviet agent in the United States from 1943 to 1945 and gave the Russians information about the Trotskyite movement.—U.P.I.

Adventists Refuse Rifles, Sent To Gaol

Seoul, Dec. 8.
A South Korean Army tribunal has found seven draftees, members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, guilty of violating an Army training code by refusing to take up rifles during basic training in Nonsan, the biggest training centre in South Korea.

The military court ruled that all seven draftees, he imprisoned for six months. South Korea has about 250 Adventist churches with an estimated 20,000 followers, mostly women.—Reuter.

GERMANY TO PAY UP FOR NAZI SUFFERING

Bonn, Dec. 8.

West Germany today announced it was ready to begin talks on compensation for the citizens of eight countries, including Britain, who suffered under Nazism.

A Foreign Ministry statement said the West German Government had told the countries that in the talks West Germany's "limited" possibilities and especially the compensation and restitution duties already undertaken by the Federal Republic must be taken into account.

The West German announcement was contained in notes replying to aide-memoires from the eight countries, rejecting an earlier German offer of a block ex-gratia payment, and asking for compensation as of right.

The Foreign Ministry said it hoped the problem would be solved satisfactorily.—Reuter.

Canada: Our Thick Dossier On China

Ottawa, Dec. 8.

Canada's External Affairs Minister, Mr. Sidney Smith, said today Canadian recognition of Communist China is under consideration.

Asked at a press conference whether the matter was under "active consideration," Mr. Smith said a thick dossier had been prepared in the last six months.

In reply to another question, he said there was no divergence of opinion on the matter between himself and the Prime Minister, Mr. John Diefenbaker, now on a world tour.

Mr. Diefenbaker has said there should be no recognition at this time because of its impact on non-Communist countries in the region.—Reuter.

Cypriot Charged With Bludgeon Murder

London, Dec. 8.

A 21-year-old Cypriot cafe worker, Eyyup Djela Halli Ibrahim, was charged at Leicester, near Oxford, today with the murder of Margaret Brindley, 20, who was expecting a baby this month.

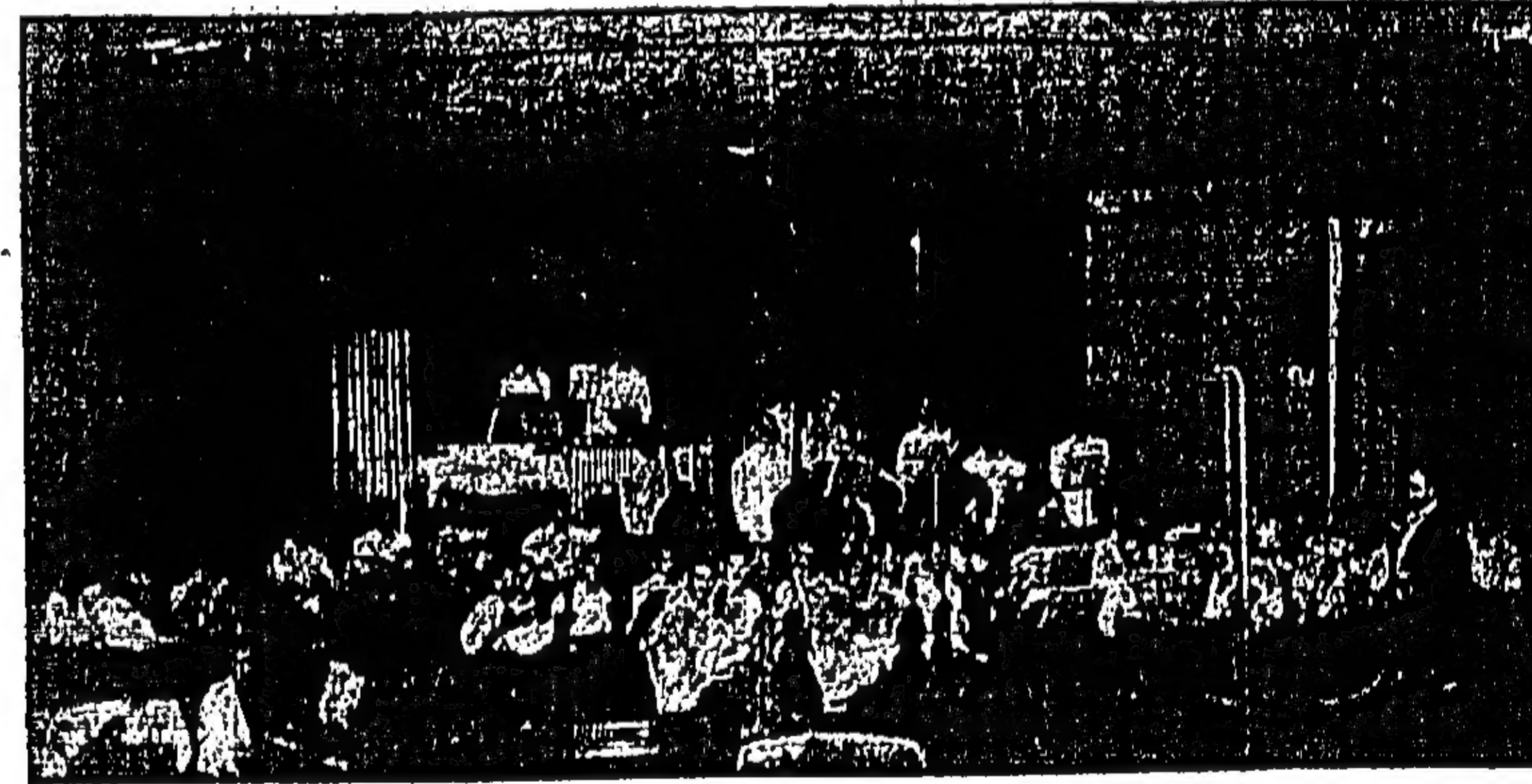
Miss Brindley's fully clothed body was found on a river bank here last week.

Her head had been battered in and police later fished an 18-inch metal pipe from the river.

The accused was expected to appear in court later today.

The charge followed an identification parade at Leicester in which several British soldiers and United States air force personnel took part.—China Mail Special.

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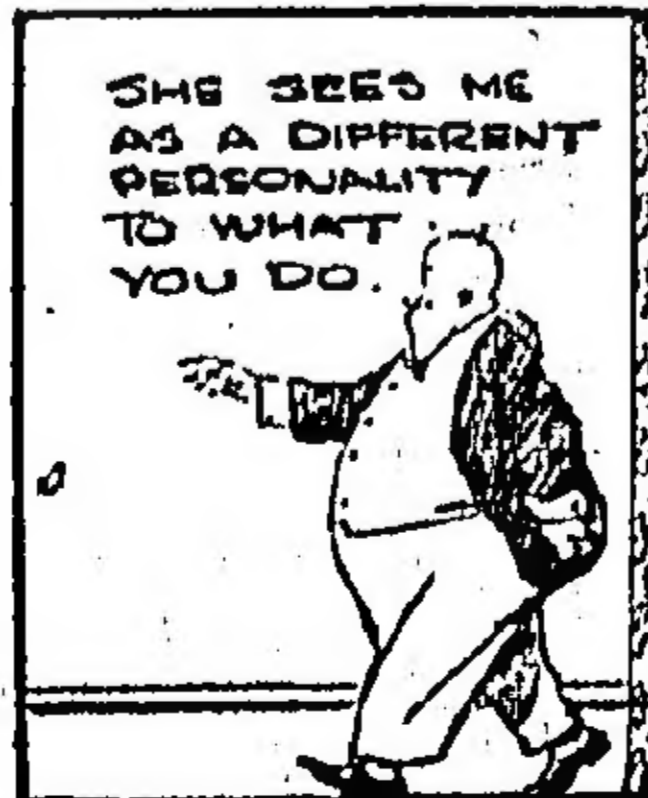
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—“But I Don't Give A Damn”

U.S. Has No Atom Engine For Plane

Washington, Dec. 8. The United States does not now have a system of nuclear propulsion which can be used to drive an aeroplane, Air Force General Donald J. Keirn told the magazine “U.S. News and World Report” published today.

Keirn, who is in charge of the project for nuclear-driven planes, said that the American programme calls for the progressive development of a nuclear reactor aboard, but that there had been nothing to do with propulsion of the planes. He said he believed that 47 flights had been made by a B-36 bomber carrying a reactor, and that the reactor had been activated during the flights.

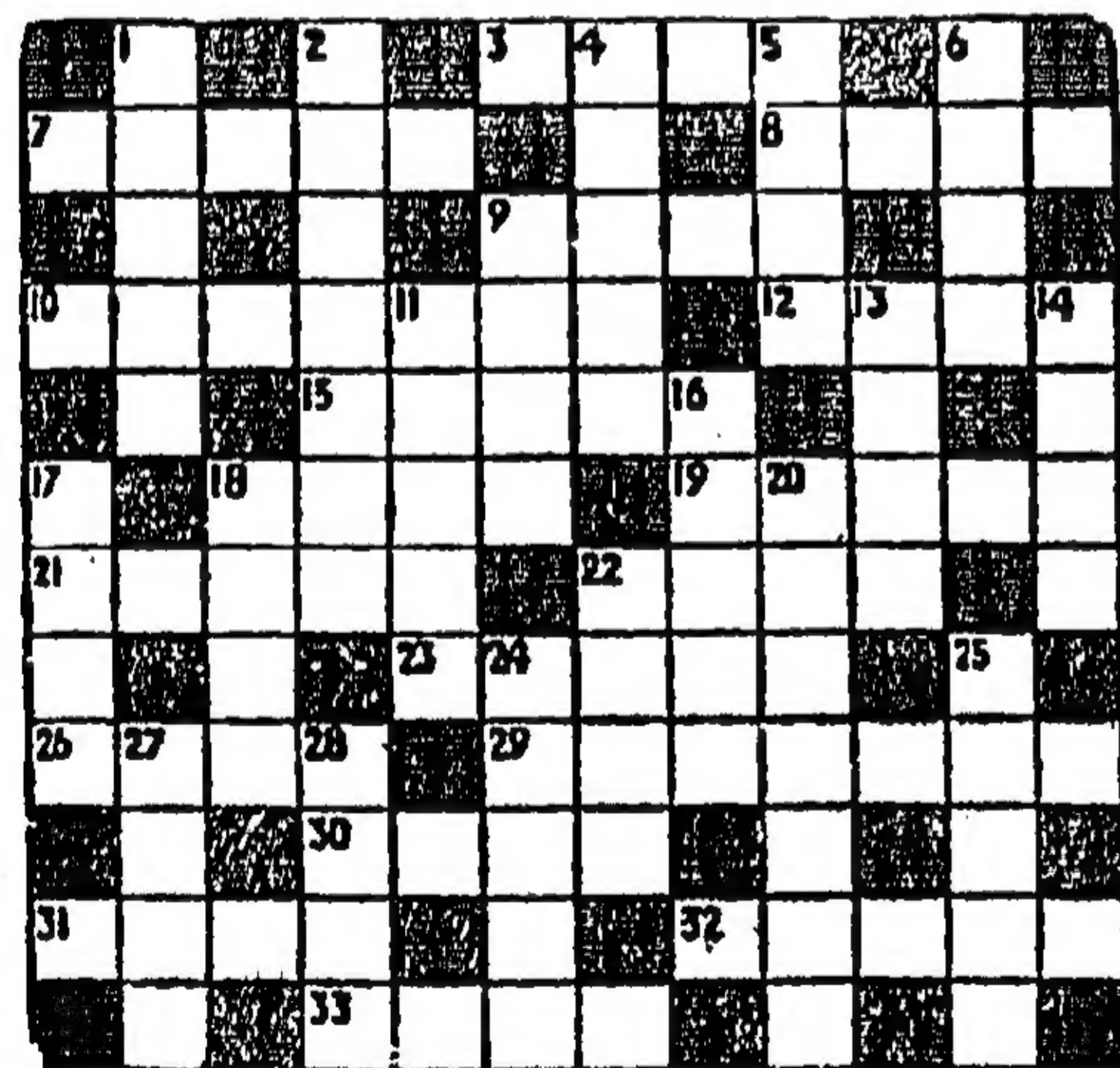
Keirn said that a nuclear-propelled plane would not match the B-70 bombers' anticipated speed of 2,000 miles an hour nor its ceiling of 70,000 feet. He said the United States has spent from 600 to 700 million dollars on the project so far, the charges being divided between the budgets of the Air Force and the Atomic Energy Commission.

He said the two principal problems are shielding for the crew, which involves the question of weight, and the choice of nuclear material. He expressed confidence that both would be solved in time.—France-Press.

Population Leap

Santa Claus, Ga., Dec. 8. There are more Santa Clauses than ever this year. The population of this smallest community in Georgia has jumped from two to four people.—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Grew old (4).
 - 7 Jump (5).
 - 8 A cake may be (4).
 - 9 Zephyrs (4).
 - 10 Economise, as he must if his wife is extravagant! (7).
 - 12 Scot, maybe (4).
 - 13 Washing? (5).
 - 14 Yield (4).
 - 15 Got out of a garden bed? (5).
 - 21 Miles, maybe, of soft mud (5).
 - 22 It goes out to sea, as it were (4).
 - 23 Comical (5).
 - 24 Help received by a book-raker (4).
 - 25 Footwell magazine (7).
 - 26 Hire (4).
 - 31 Plaything (4).
 - 32 Prawn surrounded? (5).
 - 33 Dejected as having had some attraction (4).
- DOWN**
- 1 Fat porter! (5).
 - 2 Poser (7).
 - 3 He shows the way (5).
 - 4 Record (4).
 - 5 I.O.M. skin (4).
 - 6 Princess (4).
 - 11 Lent a hand (5).
 - 13 Racing handicap (4).
 - 14 Finished all square (4).
 - 16 They're proverbially hard (5).
 - 17 World division (4).
 - 18 Quote in excitement (4).
 - 20 Let out again? (7).
 - 22 Harbour (4).
 - 24 The extent of anger, possibly (4).
 - 25 Linon in circles (5).
 - 27 Footwear for a car? (4).
 - 28 Stepped on it (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Shames, 7 Ape-2, 9 Shelf, 10 Rolls, 11 Mass, 13 Washington, 15 Test, 16 Loom, 18 Wonderland, 22 Sir, 24 Onion, 25 Level, 26 Pig, 27 Settle, 28 Power, 29 Heels, 30 Muff, 31 Shrimp, 32 Bulwer, 33 Mice, 34 Plane, 35 Solid, 36 Wides, 37 Wines, 38 Humourist, 39 Owning, 40 Adams, 20 He-let, 21 Anyll, 22 Toll.

Washington, Dec. 8. Former President Truman said today President Eisenhower had been mad at him since 1952 but that he didn't “give a damn.”

Mr. Truman made that comment about his successor in the White House during a lively question-and-answer session after he had addressed a National Press Club luncheon. He readily answered questions with comments frequently sprinkled with “hells” and “damns”.

Questioned about the Potsdam Agreements of 1945, Mr. Truman said the Russians had broken 22 of those pledges within a year. “The only thing to do is to have more suns than they do and be ready to shoot them if necessary,” he said. “They have been trying to bring on a war and they're doing it again in Berlin.”

One questioner asked the former President if he thought he would be useful in a consultative way to President Eisenhower.

“Of course, I don't know,” he replied.



MR. TRUMAN

He said only the President could decide whose services might be useful, that he had had no contact with the White House since he left it in January, 1953, and that there were no personal relations between him and President Eisenhower.

(White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty laughed and declined to comment on Mr. Truman's statement. But he said that President Eisenhower had invited Truman to the White House on at least two occasions. One was an invitation to accompany the President and

“Raised Hell”

Continuing, Mr. Truman said he had “raised hell” with President Eisenhower during the 1952 campaign because the Republican Presidential nominee “didn't knock Bill Jenner off the platform for calling General Mac a traitor.”

“He's been mad at me ever since,” Truman said, “and I don't give a damn.”

He had been referring to the fact that during the 1952 campaign President Eisenhower embraced then Sen. William Jenner (Republican - Indiana) who had denounced the President's old boss General George C. Marshall.—U.P.I.

Smuggling Charges Against U.S. Chinese

Memphis, Dec. 8. Two Chinese Americans pleaded innocent in Federal Court here today to charges of smuggling contraband goods from China.

The Government claims that Joe Quong, 70, and his son, Jo Wing Wah, 21, both of Chicago, smuggled more than \$200,000 worth of goods into the U.S. from China in the past two years. The case is to be tried here because the Government contends that a small grocery store in Memphis was the centre of their alleged smuggling operations.

Bail Raised

Warner Hodges, assistant U.S. District Attorney, said the goods were sent to Memphis, then shipped to Chinese communities in San Francisco and Honolulu. Judge Marion Boyd increased bond for the defendants from \$1,500 to \$7,500 at Mr. Hodges' request. The case is set for trial on February 17.—U.P.I.

Ceylon To Buy Rice From China

Colombo, Dec. 8. Ceylon has opened preliminary negotiations for the purchase of the bulk of her needs of rice for next year.

The main suppliers will be China and Burma. It is estimated that Ceylon will need about 550,000 tons of rice from abroad in 1959. About 500,000 tons may be obtained from China and Burma.

This year, Ceylon arranged to buy 300,000 metric tons of rice from Peking and 180,000 long tons from Rangoon.

Staple Food

Rice is the staple food of the Ceylonese and local production meets only about half the country's needs. Rice is sold to consumers on ration books which entitle each consumer to four pounds a week.

This rationed rice is sold at a subsidised price of US\$1/2 a cwt. and additional rice off ration is sold at higher rates. Rice imports are a monopoly of the government's food department and negotiations for rice imports are conducted by the government.—U.P.I.

Happy Motoring

Preston, Dec. 8. Weekend motorists swarmed along Britain's first stretch of high speed motorway, reaching the rate of nearly 1,000 vehicles an hour.

The result: a one and a half mile jam of vehicles at the point where the eight-mile motorway, the Preston By Pass, runs into the old road.—China Mail Special.

Classic Comics

London, Dec. 8. High school classics teacher Robert Reeves says interest in his Latin classes has been heightened considerably since he began turning out comics written in the language of the Romans. Typical stories are entitled “The Bodies in the Fish Pond” and “The Werewolf.”—U.P.I.

Physics And Billiards



Pretty science students play billiards at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., in a new technique of learning several principles of physics. The game of billiards demonstrates how atoms behave when they collide. Here Mary Mosher (left), a junior from Bergenfield, N.J., uses the cue stick as Shirley Fleischer (right), a junior from Shaw, Miss., takes notes.—U.P.I. Telephoto.

Latest In Hoops



In Miami, Florida lovely Sharalynn Cole demonstrates the latest in hoop spinning, the BeeNee Hoop. No back trouble here, but perhaps a slight headache.—U.P.I. Telephoto.

Goldfine's Truckload Of Tax Records

Boston, Dec. 8. Bernard Goldfine, textile millionaire whose gifts stirred up a storm in Washington, bowed to a U.S. district court record order today and produced a truckload of tax records from five of his firms.

Goldfine escaped contempt of court action here and possible imprisonment by turning over the records. But the Justice Department at the same time began presenting a Contempt of Congress case against Goldfine to a federal grand jury in Washington.

The Washington case involved Goldfine's refusal to testify before a House Sub-Committee last summer. The investigation into Goldfine's finances led to the resignation of the White House aide, Sherman Adams, this autumn.

The Boston case involved federal income tax records for Goldfine textile firms.—U.P.I.

Only 17 Red Bandits In Sth Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 9. Only 17 armed Communist terrorists are left in the whole of Southern Malaya, according to a police spokesman.

The 17 are being hunted by a large force of police and soldiers and are reported to be short of food.

Once there were 250 terrorists in the area, which is so rugged that troops are being airlifted in by helicopter to continue their search for the fleeing Communists.

Official figures released today show that 14 terrorists were eliminated last month.

Ten were killed and four surrendered.

A total of 12,328 terrorists have been eliminated since a State of Emergency was declared in June, 1948.—Reuter.

Whistler Wounded

Rome, Dec. 8.

A hunter who whistled like a blackbird to lure birds near his gun lay seriously hurt in hospital here tonight—shot by another hunter who thought he was a blackbird.

The injured man, Nello Micarelli, 35, and his companion, Ludovico Piergrosi, 42, received the contents of a double-barrelled shotgun in the face and chest when Angelo Croce fired at the thicket where they were hiding and whistling.

Doctors said Piergrosi could leave hospital in a few days but Micarelli's condition was serious.—Reuter.

Women!

Memphis, Dec. 8. David Wilson, the father of four daughters, was so positive the next child would be a boy that a name already had been chosen.

On Saturday, Mrs. Wilson gave birth to triplets—all girls.—U.P.I.

Lack Of Policy Took U.S. Near War Over Quemoy

—SAYS STEWART ALSOP

New York, Dec. 8. Stewart Alsop said today the United States should tell the Nationalist Chinese to evacuate the offshore islands and warn them that if they fail to do so, the islands will be entirely their own responsibility. Alsop, formerly a foreign affairs analyst and now one of the editors of Saturday Evening Post, said in the magazine that the United States several times drifted close to war over the Quemoy and Matsu islands because of a lack of clear-cut policy.

In April 1955, Alsop said, President Eisenhower made a request to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to evacuate the offshore islands and offering American help to that end, plus iron-bound guarantees on Formosa and the Pescadores. “Chiang flew into a coldly bitter rage, said he would no more abandon his islands than he would deprecate the graves of his ancestors,” Alsop said.

After the 1955 crisis over the offshore islands died down, the U.S. Government did not persist in the issue.

Vital To U.S.

“The President had made a basic policy decision—that evacuation of the offshore islands was in the vital American interest. “But when the pressure eased, the decision was forgotten about for almost three and a half years,” Alsop said.

Alsop continued: “The President and (Secretary of State) John Foster Dulles were surely right not to scuttle and run when the Chinese Communists removed the pressure some weeks ago.

“If necessary, at whatever risk, our people under the Formosa resolution (a resolution in Congress pledging joint defence of Formosa and the Pescadores but not mentioning the offshore islands) must be honoured.

“But if ever we are granted another breathing spell, as we were after April 1955, we cannot again afford to sigh with relief and shove the mess under the rug, for if we do, the mess will surely be rubbed in our faces again, more painfully than ever.

“You must understand, the officials say, that Chiang is not our satellite.

“That is true. But it is also true that the American Government is not a satellite of Chiang. And the time must come when the President's decision of April 1955 is followed to its logical conclusion.

“The time must come when we must tell the Chinese Nationalists that if they refuse to evacuate their troops and civilians from the offshore islands, with our guarantee of safe conduct, that is their responsibility and not ours.

“As for the Chinese Communists, we would then—but only then—be in a position to face them with a united country and the support of the free world. “We could then say to Mao Tse-tung if you want to take Formosa and chase us out of the Western Pacific, go ahead and try, and we will see who gets a bloody nose and mean every word of it.”—U.P.I.

Clergyman To Marry God-daughter

London, Dec. 8. The Rev. Dr. Oscar Hardman, 78-year-old prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, will marry his god-daughter Miss Doreen Pearce, at Rochester Cathedral on January 17. Miss Pearce, who is in her early forties, is matron of a Kent nursing home. In 1951 she helped to nurse the late King George VI through an illness. Dr. Hardman, whose wife died last year, has two sons. A professor of pastoral and liturgical theology, he was known as the cleric who omitted the promise “to obey” in the marriage services he conducted.—China Mail Special.

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INTER-VARSITY RUGBY TODAY

Light Blues Favoured To Score Their 30th Win In The Series

London, Dec. 8.

Oxford and Cambridge meet for their 77th University Rugby Union match at Twickenham here tomorrow. Since they first met in 1871 the "Oxonians" have won 35 matches against 29 by the "Cantabs."

This year the light blues are tipped to win the varsity match.

Second Defeat For Bucharest By English Footballers

The English first division football team, Tottenham Hotspurs, rubbed in a second defeat on Bucharest by four goals to two here tonight. Last week the Rumanian team was routed four goals to one by Newcastle United, also of the first division.

The architects of the Tottenham win were Cliff Jones and Terry Medwin, who rattled the Bucharest defence with frequent probing runs.

For Bucharest, inside-right Constantin proved himself brilliant in attack but he was handicapped by lack of team support. In spite of lost chances before the goal, the Hotspurs' victory was clear cut.

Jones opened the score in the 14th minute. Medwin scored the second goal, and Hamner the third.

Constantin replied with two goals for Bucharest. Stocks added the fourth English goal.—France-Press.

So far, Cambridge has the better record this season with nine of its 14 matches with a total of 252 points for and 26 against. Although three of its best players have been injured, Oxford has won seven out of its 10 matches (128 points for, 72 against).

Oxford's star three-quarter Young returns to the team tomorrow after being off the field for three weeks with a pulled muscle. If this former British 100 yards sprint champion is right back on form he could lead Oxford to victory.

On paper Oxford appears to be the stronger team with O'Connor who has been chosen to play in the second Welsh selection match at stand-off and Shiel the Australian scrum-half.

Better Pack

The three quarters line has Young, Watts a possible English selection, Phillips like Young already an English international and Baxter another Australian.

Cambridge has the better pack with touch line specialist Harding in the second row, Ireland's international MacSweeney and Mills as wing forwards.

Backing the pack up is the experienced scrum-half Smith and at full-back is the brilliant Scottish international, Scotland, who can cleverly join an attack at the vital moment.

A crowd of more than 60,000 is expected to watch the match from the side lines and several million televiewers will see it from their fireplaces.—France-Press.

Ati Cup Lawn Bowls Final

The final of the 1958 Ati Cup inter-hong competition will be played at the grounds of Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 1958, between the following pairs:

W. L. McCall and W. M. Davidson (Hong Kong) and Whampoa Docks Co. Ltd. v. J. Chubb and A.P. Pereira (Doddwell and Co. Ltd.)

A copy of the score-card, signed by both skips, is to be sent to the Honorary Assistant Secretary, care of Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., Trixie House, Lee House Street, by the winning skip.

Pompey Eliminated From The Empire Championship

Birmingham, England, Dec. 8.

Johnny Halifhi (Tonga) beat Yolande Pompey (Trinidad) in a light heavyweight boxing contest here tonight.

ARSENAL AND WOLVES ARE JOINT FA CUP FAVOURITES

London, Dec. 8.

Arsenal and Wolverhampton Wanderers were named joint favourites at nine to one for the English Football Association Cup competition at a call-off at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Bolton Wanderers, the Cup holders, Manchester United and West Bromwich Albion followed on the 100-9 mark.

Other prices were: 100-8 Newcastle United; 100-7 Preston; 20-1 Blackburn Rovers; 20-1 Blackpool; 20-1 Nottingham Forest; 22-1 Burnley; 25-1 Tottenham Hotspurs; 28-1 Everton; 33-1 Luton Town and Portsmouth; 40-1 Manchester City and West Ham; 50-1 Aston Villa, Birmingham City and Chelsea; 60-1 Fulham, Leeds United, Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City; 100-1 and upwards others.—Reuter.

Chilean Tennis Title For Mexicans

Santiago, Dec. 8.

Mario Llamas and Francisco Contreras of Mexico won the men's doubles title in the Chilean tennis championships today when they defeated Jose Tort and Patricio Rodriguez of Chile 6-2, 6-2.

Shirley Bloomer of England and Carmen Ibarra of Chile gained the women's singles final.

Miss Bloomer defeated Australian Margaret Hellyer 7-5, 6-2, 6-2, while Miss Ibarra defeated Maria Tort, also of Chile, 6-1, 6-3.—U.P.I.



THE TRUE WINNER—Ricardo Rodriguez, Mexico's talented 18-year-old racing driver, who put up the finest driving in yesterday's Nassau Trophy race, is seen here landing his 1500 cc Porsche car.—UPI Telephoto.

REVENTLOW AND DAIGH WIN MAIN EVENT OF THE NASSAU RACES

Nassau, Dec. 8.

Lance Reventlow's \$50,000 Scarab racer, with Chuck Daigh driving the monstrous 5-litre bomb, sped to a terrific finish to win the 56-gruelling-lap, 5th Nassau Trophy automobile race here today.

Daigh, the 35-year Californian, took the wheel from Reventlow at the end of the 28th lap. He drove over the track to complete the team time in 2 hours, 52 minutes and 48.18 seconds. He estimated his top speed at around 157 m.p.h.

Both Reventlow and Daigh were mobbed by the spectators and hundreds of cameras caught their swiftness as each disclaimed credit for the win.

Finest Race

Mexico's 18-year-old Ricardo Rodriguez, matching his youth and comparatively small 3-litre Silver Ferrari, against the rest of the field, drove the finest race of the day to take second place, one minute, 50 seconds behind the winner. He won the "D" category.

In the eyes of the racing experts, he was the true winner. Having been outnumbered and outpaced by two litres, he beat all but one when Daigh lapped all cars with the exception of Pedro's Ferrari.

Ed Mart, who grabbed the Memorial Cup race minutes before the start of the big race, took second place in the "D" category and third in the overall placings.

Ed Crawford, driving a red 4.5 litre Ferrari, driving on white others dropped by the wayside, grabbed fourth place in the overall placings and first in the "C" category.—France-Press.

MOORE TO DEFEND TITLE ON DEC. 10

Montreal, Dec. 8.

Archie Moore, the oldest world boxing champion—he will be anywhere between 42 and 49 years old when one of his birthdays comes round on the 16th of this month—staked his world light-heavyweight title against Canada's third world ranking Yvon Durelle here on December 10.

This will be the 7th time in his career and the first time in 15 months that Moore defends his crown.

Moore defeated Tony Anthony in September 1957 in his last title bout. Anthony later stopped Durelle before the limit.

The American's score sheet gives 174 victories, including 123 by knock-outs, 25 defeats and 6 drawn fights. Durelle has won 78 times, lost 19 and drawn 2.—France-Press.

WORLD BILLIARDS

Calcutta, Dec. 8.

Chandra Hirjee (India) beat Maung Hman (Burma) by 1,911 points to 1,517 in the world amateur billiards championship here tonight.—Reuter.

DRAWN BOUT

Johannesburg, Dec. 8.

Mike Holt, South African light heavyweight boxing champion, boxed a draw with American Jerry Lucade over ten rounds here tonight.—Reuter.

London-Cooper Fight Will Be Final Eliminator For World Title

By DEREK JOHN

When Brian London defends his British and Empire heavyweight titles against Henry Cooper on January 12, the fight will also be a final eliminator for the world title.

Promoter Jack Solomon has planned that tag on the fight—by courtesy of rival promoter Harry Levenc, who has left for the United States to sign Floyd Patterson to defend his world

heavy-weight title in Britain next June.

It is a reasonable tag, for Levenc has stated publicly that the most worthy opponent for Patterson will almost certainly

be the winner of the London-Cooper fight.

And Levenc, a great pal of Patterson's manager, Gus D'Amato, is confident that he will be able to arrange the first world title fight in Britain since Tommy Burns knocked out Jack Palmer 50 years ago.

If he succeeds, Patterson will once again have avoided the official No. 1 contender. The U.S. National Boxing Association have given this rating to the 25-year-old champion of Europe, Ingemar Johansson. Brian London is listed as No. 2 contender.

Patterson has already shown his contempt for the official ratings by defending his title against Pete Rademacher, who was having his first professional fight.

Now, if Levenc's plan is right, I cannot see Patterson risking his title against the powerful Johansson before taking the easier fight offered in Britain.



Wanstead Bowler Visiting Colony

Most Hongkong lawn bowlers while on leave in England have enjoyed the hospitality of the Wanstead Bowling Club, who every year entertain the local players with a match at their green near London.

To quote a number of them a well-known figure is George S. Haslop, the past captain of the Wanstead Club who is arriving here on Thursday by the S.S. Soudan for a six-week stay in the Colony.

Mr Haslop's address, while in the Colony, will be: c/o K. H. Jensen, P. O. Box 22, Hongkong.

So What Is Hat-Trick Worth?

Asks Johnny Haynes

Fulham and England

If a cricket century scored between lunch and tea is worth £400, what is the appropriate cash reward for a hat-trick scored in a football match?

Generally, footballers don't envy cricketers and my reaction to Peter May's achievement is well done Peter—a good reward for a great performance!

And there is plenty more where that came from. Found notes pinned to be won by British and Australian cricketers throughout the M.C.C. tour.

WELL SERVED

Yes, cricket is well served in this respect. Even the English cricket season is adorned with trophies and cash awards for outstanding achievements.

Not so in soccer. A certain commercial concern did put forward a scheme for awards to footballers. But this was promptly turned down by the Football League under the heading of "improper payment."

Well, well! It just doesn't make sense!

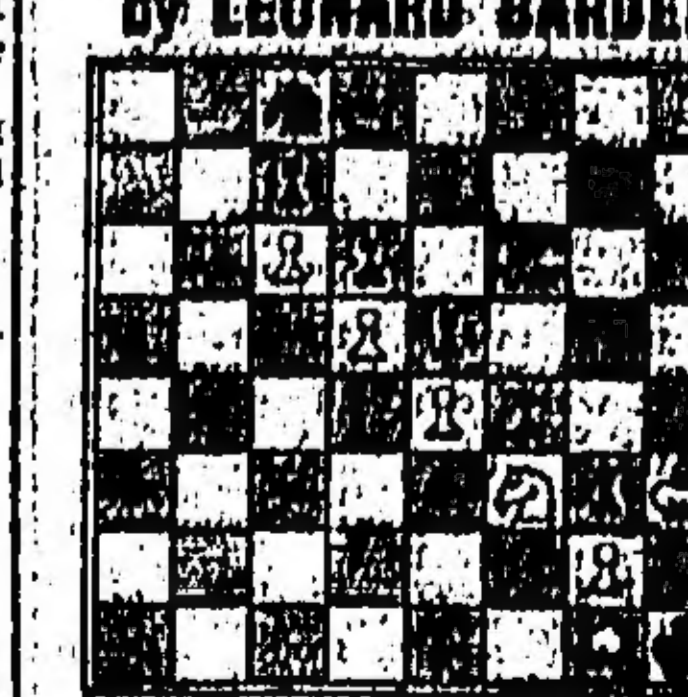
It becomes even more farcical when you consider Peter May is an amateur.

Don't get me wrong. Three cheers I say for all sportsmen who win money in the exercise of their talents.

What an absurd situation. Ask any footballer who makes his living at the game.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARNES



Here is an unusual problem by P.L. Rothenberg (Chess Review, 1957), entitled "Ladder to Nowhere." White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution No. 5520: 1. Qxh5 chf. K-Kt3. 2. R-K5. 3. R-K8. 4. R-K8. 5. R-K8. 6. R-K8. 7. R-K8. 8. R-K8. 9. R-K8. 10. R-K8. 11. R-K8. 12. R-K8. 13. R-K8. 14. R-K8. 15. R-K8. 16. R-K8. 17. R-K8. 18. R-K8. 19. R-K8. 20. R-K8. 21. R-K8. 22. R-K8. 23. R-K8. 24. R-K8. 25. R-K8. 26. R-K8. 27. R-K8. 28. R-K8. 29. R-K8. 30. R-K8. 31. R-K8. 32. R-K8. 33. R-K8. 34. R-K8. 35. R-K8. 36. R-K8. 37. R-K8. 38. R-K8. 39. R-K8. 40. R-K8. 41. R-K8. 42. R-K8. 43. R-K8. 44. R-K8. 45. R-K8. 46. R-K8. 47. R-K8. 48. R-K8. 49. R-K8. 50. R-K8. 51. R-K8. 52. R-K8. 53. R-K8. 54. R-K8. 55. R-K8. 56. R-K8. 57. R-K8. 58. R-K8. 59. R-K8. 60. R-K8. 61. R-K8. 62. R-K8. 63. R-K8. 64. R-K8. 65. R-K8. 66. R-K8. 67. R-K8. 68. R-K8. 69. R-K8. 70. R-K8. 71. R-K8. 72. R-K8. 73. R-K8. 74. R-K8. 75. R-K8. 76. R-K8. 77. R-K8. 78. R-K8. 79. R-K8. 80. R-K8. 81. R-K8. 82. R-K8. 83. R-K8. 84. R-K8. 85. R-K8. 86. R-K8. 87. R-K8. 88. R-K8. 89. R-K8. 90. R-K8. 91. R-K8. 92. R-K8. 93. R-K8. 94. R-K8. 95. R-K8. 96. R-K8. 97. R-K8. 98. 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Can Army Emulate Navy?

SOLDIERS' TURN TO TACKLE THE REST AT RUGBY TOMORROW

By PAK LO

The Navy did it. Can the Army repeat the process? That has been the major talking point in rugby circles since it was announced some time ago that the Army would play the Rest of the Colony tomorrow evening on the Club ground under the floodlights at 7.00 p.m.

Opinions have varied and will continue to vary until the game is concluded, but whatever the result, spectators can be sure of a first class game with both sides all out to prove their point.

The Army rather surprisingly have included Morkhill at full-back—surprising in that recently his name has figured more in the cricket reports than in any rugby game, and though excellent when last seen, much will depend on whether his cricketing has impaired his defensive tactics.

The Army have also selected the two Phillips after their fine display for Army North two Saturdays ago, and with a much better supporting cast they should do well.

Phillips at scrum-half is much better than Bennett, the Rest scrum-half, but Bennett is merely a link, and a good one at that between the Rest pack and Rodd.

Terrific Three Line

Rodd has a terrific three line behind him tomorrow night with Cheong and Martin in the centre and Delaney and Watson on the wings. In fact this could well be the Colony three line, and with McTavish behind them, is the best back division available. To make a Colony XV back division the only change necessary is to switch Phillips for Bennett.

The Army three line while excellent in its way is not in the same class. In the forwards almost the opposite is true. The Army have what is almost the Colony pack, and

they should win the lion's share of the ball both from the scrums, and the lineouts, where Wynn and Muntz will be in command.

In the loose, the Army forwards look the more likely to control the ball, but by the law of averages it must come back often enough to the Rest of the Colony to give their three a chance and the Rest three are too strong to be stopped for ever. The Rest should win this game.

A 'Friendly'

Before the big match there is a "friendly" at 5 p.m. when the Club Selection will take on the "Druids".

The latter have not yet been seen in action against a strong XV but they should get a good trial tomorrow night.

The Club pack is very strong with Shaffer regaining his position as hooker, while the back row of the scrum consists of D'Eath, Steven and Penman, the latter having just returned from leave.

The Club three are not quite so strong, but with Laville in the centre, inside Brownie, they should always be a danger. In the other wing and with Valentine at fly-half, this could be a dangerous combination. Lochrie being unavailable, McFadyen will be the full-back.

Little is known of the Druids, except that they are keen, but at time of going to press there was still some gaps to be filled in their lineup, and while they can be expected to give Club "B" a fight for their money, they are unlikely to win.

The Teams

Army: Morkhill, Sharpe, Gould, Phillips, Brown, Gilbertson, Phillips, McIntosh, Lowe, Lomax, Wynn, Muntz, Mander, Carney, Clarke.
Rest Of The Colony: McTavish, Watson, Cheong, Martin, Delaney, Rodd, Bennett, Brackbury, Isaacs, Shelley, Ross, Howe, Haigh, Williams, Campbell.

Club Selection: McFadyen, Browne, Laville, Addis, Ingalls, Valentine, Tancock, Spencer, Shaffer, Kilvert, Walker, Newbigging, Penman, Steven, D'Eath.

Referees

Army v Rest: Davies.
Club v Druids: Williams.

Asian Tennis Tourney

Lahore, Dec. 8.
Denmark's Torben Ulrich defeated France's Jean-Claude Molinari 11-9, 7-5 and 8-6, in the men's singles quarter-finals of the Asian Lawn Tennis championships here today.—Reuter.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

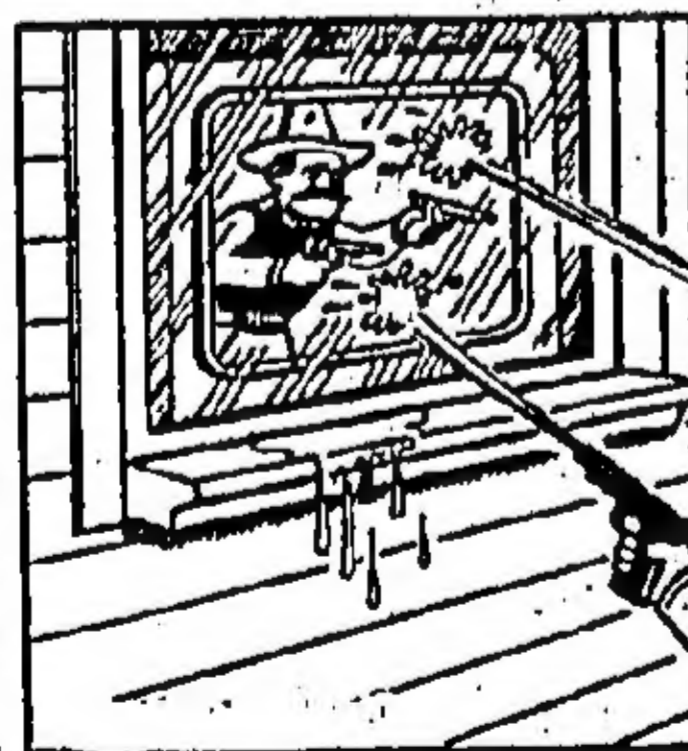
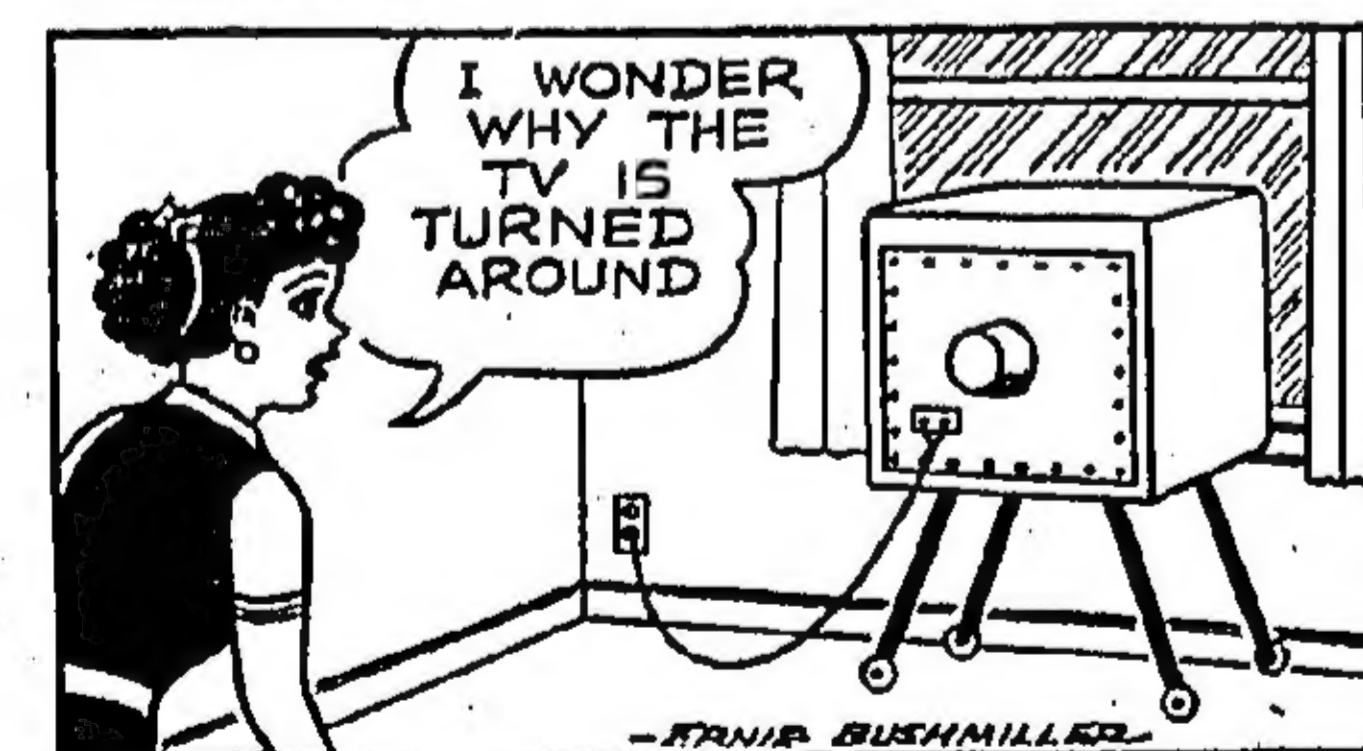


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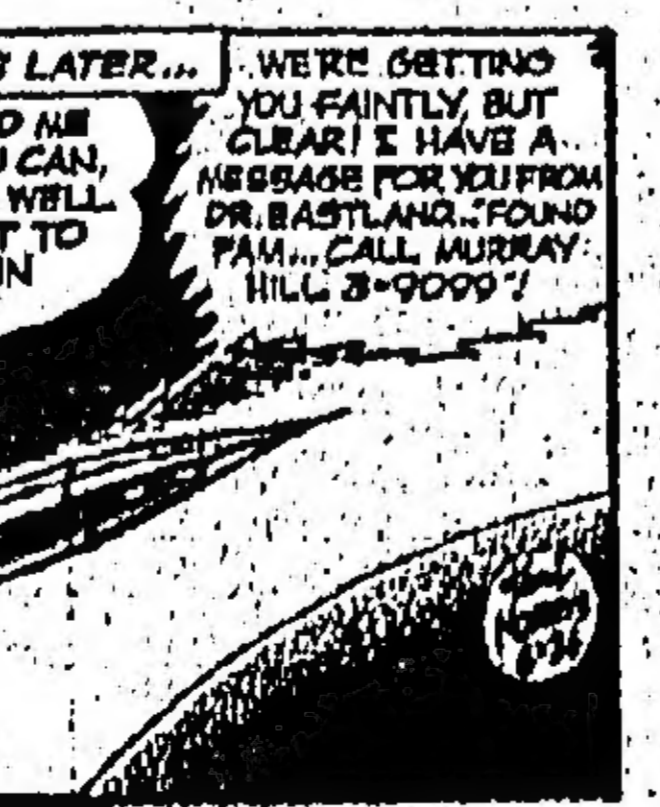
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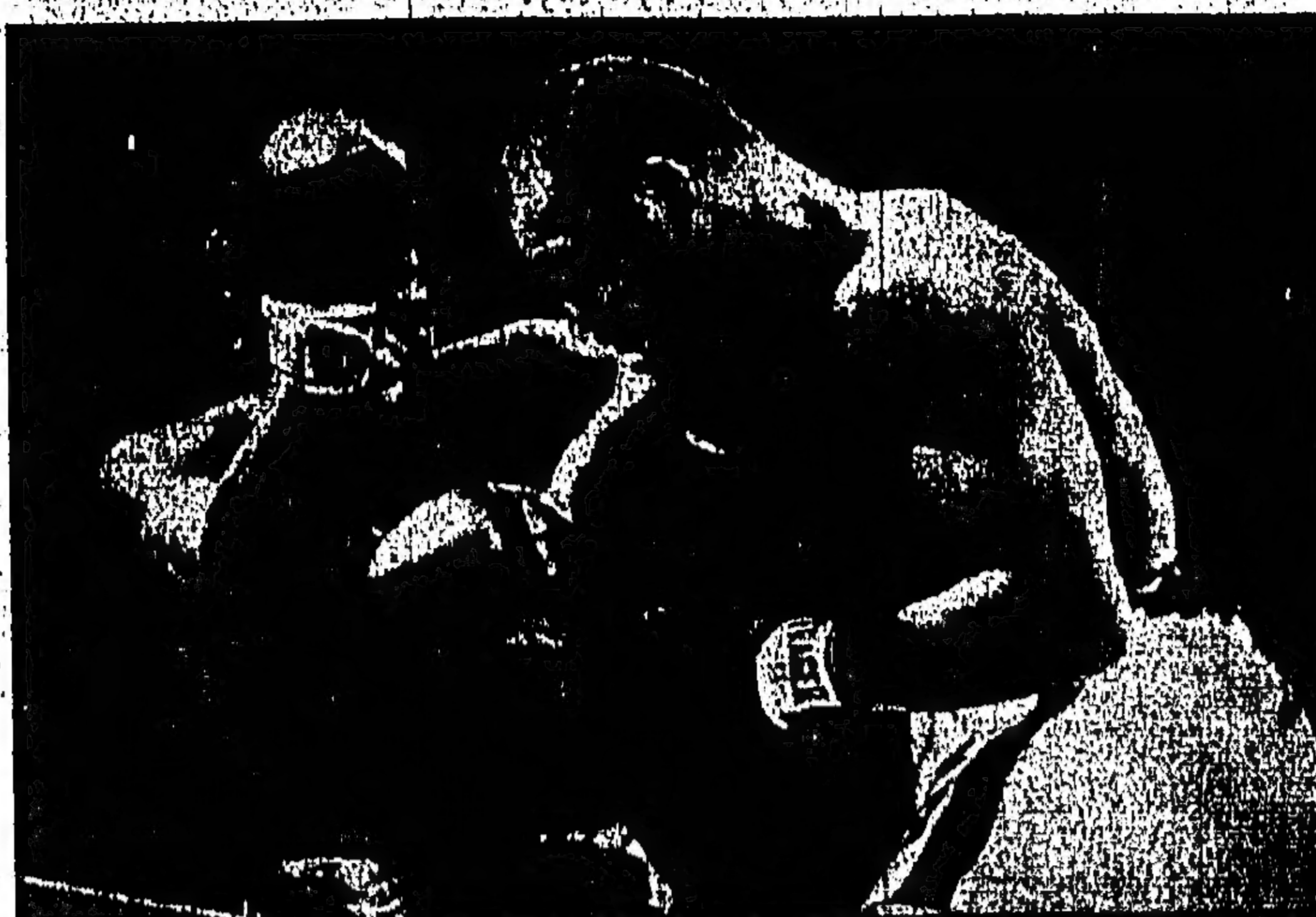


By Paul Norris

AUSTIN for HOME LEAVE



World Title Contender In Form



Harold Johnson of Philadelphia, right, lands a right hook, staggering heavyweight opponent Howard King of Reno, Nevada, during their 10-round TV bout in Chicago Stadium last week. Johnson, second ranked contender for Archie Moore's world light-heavyweight title, won a unanimous decision.—UPI Telephoto.

Racehorse Jumps Off Ship

London, Dec. 8.

A restless racehorse fell into the London docks today while waiting to be shipped to Malaya to race. "Atonement", a two-year-old thoroughbred gelding, was waiting in a box to be put aboard the British cargo liner, Surat.

It grew restive and kicked its way out, stumbled on the edge of the King George V Dock, fell onto a small boat and slid into the water. The horse was pulled out by a crane, apparently none the worse for its plunge, except for minor cuts. But the horse exporters decided to give it time to recover in the stables before sending it to Malaya in a later ship.—China Mail Special.

South Africa Currie Cup Cricket

Capetown, Dec. 8.

Western Province, the holders, beat Natal on first innings in their Currie Cup cricket match which ended in a draw here today.

Natal, 244 for six on Saturday night in reply to Western Province's first innings score of 240, were all out today for 310. Trevor Goddard, the South African Test opener, resuming at 129, took his score to 137 before being caught.

Western Province made 282 in their second innings—thanks mainly to a splendid 92 by Dick Westcott, another Springbok opener, who made a duck in the first innings.

Summarised scores were: Western Province 340 (G. Innes 131, O. Wynne 75) and 282 (R. Westcott 92). Natal 310 (T. Goddard 137, J. Megaw 83; Bromfield 5 for 73).—Reuter.

English FA Wants To Stage 1966 World Cup

London, Dec. 8.

The English Football Association are to apply to organise the 1966 World Soccer Cup competition on behalf of the International Football Federation (FIFA).

Sir Stanley Rous, the FA secretary, said at a meeting of the FA council here today that he was making application in writing to the World Cup committee.

The 1962 competition is being organised by Chile.—Reuter.

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CHILDREN "ALMOST LEFT OUT"

Mr Keswick's Shock Discovery In \$3m Settlement

Further argument was advanced by Mr John McNeill QC before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Supreme Court this morning for the rectification of a settlement involving Trust Fund of \$2,950,000 made by Mr David Johnston Keswick in favour of his daughters.

Mr McNeill contended that Mr Keswick's intention was that the settlement should benefit his daughters and that grandchildren, if any, should receive subsidiary benefits. Several years later "to his horror," he found that the settlement, in fact, provided completely for his grandchildren and that his daughters were "almost left out of the picture altogether."

Mr McNeill said that documents dealing with settlement were difficult for any one to understand. Even a lawyer, although he might be familiar with documents in commercial transactions might not be able to understand such documents with which a chancery lawyer might be familiar.

A MISTAKE

If a lawyer could make a mistake as to what the settlement meant, how much more so Mr Keswick who was a business man and not familiar with legal documents.

Counsel said that the evidence showed there was a mistake because the letter which the lawyers sent to Mr Keswick confirming his instructions did not state what Mr Keswick intended.

It did not correctly set out the intentions of the Settlor (Mr Keswick) and the contents of the Deed of Settlement. It did not matter whether one put it on the basis that there was a faulty draft of the Deed or that the lawyers concerned did not properly appreciate the effect of the Deed.

TO HIS HORROR

Mr McNeill said that Mr Keswick, when he decided to make the settlement in 1948, did not contemplate having grandchildren. They were only meant to be subsidiaries under the settlement. So much so that when the first grandchild was born, he rushed to his solicitors in London to find out whether his grandchildren were provided for, and in his own words, "to his horror," he found out that the grandchildren were not provided for, but his children almost left out of the picture altogether.

Mr Keswick's evidence was in itself sufficient for the Court to make the order sought, submitted Mr McNeill. In addition there was the outside evidence given by Mr Sidbury, the Secretary of Jardine's who gave his recollection, unchallenged, that Mr Keswick told him of his intention to make a settlement in favour of his children.

To substantiate his memory Mr Sidbury pointed to an entry in a book kept in the ordinary course of business by Jardine's to record all documents to which the seal of the company had been fixed.

This book had been in use since 1914 and was still in use and in it was an entry of the Deed re Mr Keswick's children.

NO PERSONAL GAIN

Mr McNeill said that personal gain was not the object of Mr Keswick's application for rectification. He would obtain no benefit from the rectification.

The result would merely be the adjustment of the benefits to be received between his descendants.

The adjustment would be equitable and proper, Mr McNeill submitted. If no such adjustment were made by rectification the position would be that had there been no grandchildren, the capital of the Trust Fund would never go to Mr Keswick's daughters in whose favour the settlement was intended to be made.

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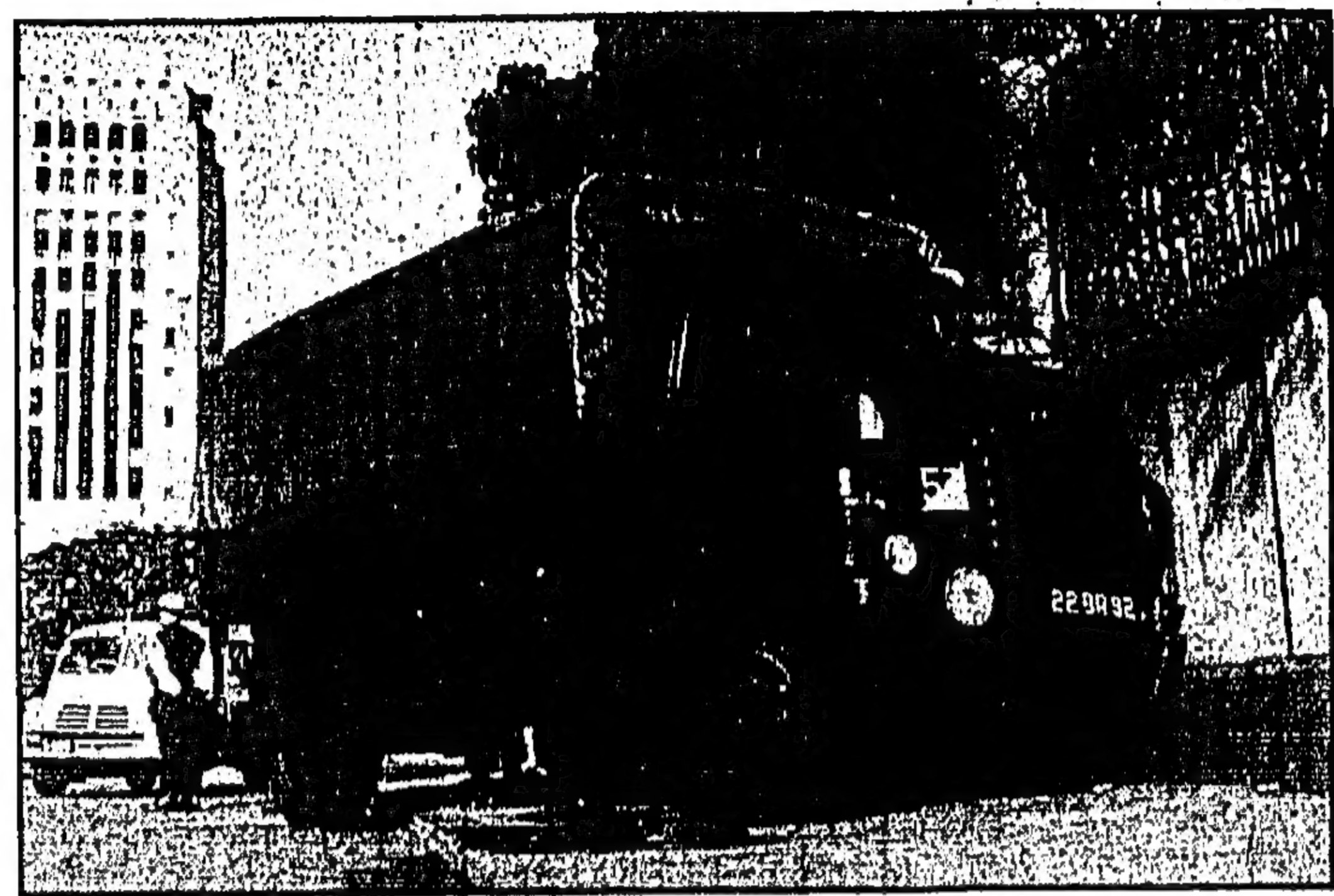
Mr McNeill said that the Court had jurisdiction to grant the application and would be justified in doing so if it were satisfied that Mr Keswick spoke the truth in the witness box and that his evidence was reasonably substantiated by the evidence of Mr Sidbury and by documents produced, and that the application had at least the moral support of the trustees.

The case is proceeding. Mr McNeill with Mr Victor Gains instructed by the Hon. M. W. Lai is representing Mr Keswick, the plaintiff seeking an order for rectification. The defendants are the Trustees, Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co Ltd, represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright instructed by Mr R. A. Wadsworth. Mr Keswick's daughters, Angela Sophia Weatherall, Anna Josephine Keswick and Stella Barbara Keswick all represented by Mr Richard Winter instructed by Mr Wadsworth, and Mr Keswick's grandchildren, Catherine Rony Weatherall and Edward Percy Keswick Weatherall, represented by the Hon. Leo A. Alimada, SC and Mr Oswald Cheung instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond.

Motorcycles Stolen

The Police have arrested a Chinese man following the theft of a motorcycle outside No. 70 Marble Road yesterday. Another motorcycle was stolen from outside No. 4 Matheson Street yesterday afternoon.

Army Truck Out Of Control



This Army truck ran out of control on to the pavement and into the wall of the H.M. Dockyard this morning in Queen's Road. It is understood the driver was not injured. —China Mail Photo.

BOGUS SCIENTIST FOOLED FIRM FOR FOUR YEARS

Wichita, Dec. 8.

A man who masqueraded successfully as a nuclear physicist, then disappeared, had access to classified information while employed by the Boeing Airplane Co. for four years, it was revealed today.

The man, carried on Company rolls as Michael Almast, disappeared with his wife and children immediately after he resigned on November 26 as a research scientist at Boeing's plant here.

He admitted, a Company spokesman said, that he falsified his qualifications. Almast had claimed he held a Ph.D. degree in nuclear physics from Canada's Ottawa University, that he had worked in Switzerland under the late Dr Albert Einstein, and that he had studied at the Madame Curie Institute in Paris.

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Boeing said it did not know "just how much was false, but we do know that Ottawa University never heard of him."

Boeing said Almast, a balding man of undistinguished appearance, was employed in 1954 at its Seattle plant for research on the Bomarc guided missile. Later he was transferred here.

Suspicion was aroused when Company officials found Almast was not working at the technical level required for his classification as a research scientist. —U.P.I.

BOYS GIVE BLOOD

The boys at the Stanley Boys' Sea School this morning each donated half a pint of blood to the Blood Bank of the British Red Cross Society.

A total of 85 boys have volunteered to give their blood and many of them eagerly lined up waiting for their turn.

The Red Cross group of four was led by Mrs Kirkwood.

OVERTOOK H.E.'S CAR

(Continued from Page 1)

of the road at that time and she was unable to pull in as the distance between her car and the parked car was very short. She denied that Si Kong had signalled to her at the Peak Tram Station and maintained she was travelling on the second row of traffic and not nearest to the kerb.

Dismissing the summons, Mr Phillips held that there was some doubt in the case, having regard to the Prosecution's evidence and the defence. His Worship remarked, however, that it was extremely bad manners for anyone to overtake the Crown car in which His Excellency the Governor was travelling.

Sub-Inspector R. P. Style appeared for the Crown. Mr W. C. R. Carr of Johnson, Stokes and Master represented the defendant.

Hunger Strike

London, Dec. 8.

Four Cypriot political prisoners today began a hunger strike in Maldstone (Kent) Prison, the London representative of the Cyprus Ethnarchy Church Council reported.

The object of the strike was to protest against the "dishonest role" of the United Nations in the United Nations with regard to the Cyprus question. —France-Press.

Thefts From Parked Cars

Two Chinese men have been arrested by the Police following the theft of clothing valued at \$150 from a private car parked outside No. 445 Lockhart Road and 24 bottles of Coca Cola from a lorry parked outside No. 40 Hing Fai Street yesterday.

Police Officer Tells Court: BUS BRAKES WERE EFFECTIVE

Police Sub-Inspector Kam Yiu-Hoi who tested a bus shortly after it had been involved in a fatal accident on September 1, said in evidence at the Victoria District Court today he found the brakes effective.

Sub-Inspector Kam was giving evidence at the trial of Ng Ming, a bus driver charged with dangerous driving, causing death.

Ng pleaded not guilty. Sub-Inspector Kam said he had studied motor engineering and motor driving for three years at the Government Technical College.

Drove Bus

"On September 1, I went along Hennessy Road to the scene of an accident in which a woman had been struck by a bus," he said.

"I saw the driver of the bus and asked him how fast he had been travelling before the accident. He said about 20 mph. I then drove the bus along Hennessy Road up to the Roly Theatre. I found the brakes of the bus effective."

The trial is before Judge B. J. Jennings and Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Hearing is continuing.

Three Triad Men Fined \$250

Three members of triad societies were fined \$250 with the alternative of six weeks' gaol and placed under Police supervision for two years each by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendants were Luk To-chuen, of 383 Lockhart Road, first floor; Lau Kun, 23, of 511 Hennessy Road, first floor; and Lau Yat.

The trio were arrested by detectives of the Triad Societies Squad, Hongkong Island, in Wanchai yesterday afternoon.

Playing Ball With The Children



Playing ball with a small Chinese boy is one of the social workers who attended the recent international conference in Tokyo. This group was photographed at the YWCA children's play centre at Southern Playground. —China Mail Photo.

SOCIAL WORKERS VISIT COLONY CENTRES

Groups of delegates who attended the International Conference of Social Work held recently in Tokyo, visited welfare centres, clinics and clubrooms in many parts of the Colony this morning.

Miss Ko Sui-wah of the YWCA, accompanied a party visiting the Mairine Grantham nursery and working girls' hostel at Yau Yat Chuen; while Mrs M. A. Meakins, Secretary of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, escorted guests to the SPC Fortland Street centre.

The procedures of babycraft and childcare and the facilities of the welfare work were seen and explained. Mrs Chen Mo-lan, Children's Welfare Officer, was in attendance.

A comprehensive tour was made by the party visiting Wanchai, where Mrs G. M. Kelly, LIKSPC, and Mrs A. Kramers of the Children's Playground Association conducted the guests.

In the War Memorial Welfare Centre they visited the Hongkong Family Welfare Society case-work centre, the C.P.A. Children's library, the SPC centre where babies were being nursed and weaned, the Boys and Girls Clubs headquarters, the milk bar of the Church World Service, the Wanchai Neighbourhood Association and the Society for the Blind.

Boy Injured

A four-year-old boy was knocked down and injured by a motor tricycle in Chun Young Street, near the junction of North Point Road yesterday. The lad, Yu Chik-man, of No. 334 King's Road, ground floor, is receiving treatment in Queen Mary hospital.

From the Files

25 years AGO

Scene of many local boxing tournaments and one of the best-known theatres in the Wanchai district, the Lee Theatre has been entirely renovated and wired for sound pictures and will open again to the public tomorrow.

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Bird's Eye: According to the Chairman of the Golf Club it was decided to adhere to the present small measure in the interests of ladies and those who desire weak drinks. "It is easy for the individual who requires a larger measure to order a 'double' or 'three halves between two.'" And it looks better than ordering one whisky and three glasses.

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THERE is interesting evidence that rabbits at one time lived on Stonecutters Island. It seems obvious that the animals could not multiply here in a wild state; the climate (excessively damp in summer) and the number of large snakes as well as the difficulty of protecting them from genus homo is against that, writes "Colonial" in "Old Hongkong".

I did hear a few years ago that somebody had seen rabbits or what looked like them, on the hillside above Aberdeen village towards dusk.

That was never followed up with sufficient proof, and none of our local naturalists report wild rabbits from the Colony, so we may assume that if bunnies were ever released in the vicinity they have all died out long since.

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A CANTON report said the Chinese authorities were preparing for negotiations with the Hongkong Government for the revision of the existing contract concerning the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

The provision in the existing contract that 80 per cent of the through traffic receipts of the Railway go to the Chinese section and 40 per cent to the British is regarded as unsatisfactory.

In seeking the revision of the provision the Chinese authorities are likely to claim a seventy per cent share.

(Canton claims a percentage on a mileage basis; but it is pointed out in reply that the British section traverses more difficult country and costs more).

This Funny World



"I hope the man I marry will be as kind and wonderful as Daddy is... after all, looks aren't too important."

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Lady Black made an inspection tour of the Family Planning Association headquarters this morning. Here she is seen with Mrs Leo Han, Hong Chairman of the Association, during her tour of the centre. —China Mail Photo.